

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-7 (canceled).

Claim 8 (currently amended). A cable cutter adapted for attachment to a power drill of the type having a chuck extending from a drill housing, and a handle having a grip portion extending below the drill housing, the cable cutter comprising:

a housing defining left and right lateral sides;

a stabilizing handle removably attached to the housing such that it can extend either beyond the left lateral side or beyond the right lateral side;

first and second cutting blades, at least one of which is connected to the housing, the blades being mounted for movement relative to one another;

a drive assembly including a drive shaft mounted for rotation in the housing and extending therefrom so as to be releasably engageable with the chuck of the power drill, a first gear mounted on the drive shaft for rotation therewith, a main shaft mounted for rotation in the housing, a second gear being in engagement with the first gear and mounted on the main shaft for rotation therewith, and a drive gear mounted on the main shaft for rotation therewith and engageable with one of the cutting blades for moving the blades relative to one another; and

a torque arm attached at one end to the housing and having an attachment element at the other end which is adapted for engagement with the grip portion of the handle of the drill, the attachment element including a first portion which, when the torque arm is installed, is adjacent one lateral side of the grip portion, a second portion which is adjacent the other lateral side of the grip portion, and a third portion connecting the first and second portions; and

~~The cable cutter of claim 7 further comprising~~ a sleeve attached to the housing and having a hollow bore extending laterally of the housing and fully through the sleeve, a torque arm clamp sized to fit into the hollow bore and having a fastening element which is releasably engageable with the torque arm, one end of the stabilizing handle being sized to fit into the hollow bore and releasably engage the torque arm clamp.

Claims 9-12 (canceled).

Claim 13 (previously presented). A cable cutter adapted for attachment to a power drill of the type having a chuck and a handle, comprising:

a housing having first and second cutting blades connected thereto, the cutting blades being mounted for movement relative to one another;

a drive assembly consisting essentially of a drive shaft mounted for rotation in the housing and extending therefrom for releasable connection to the drill chuck, a first gear mounted for rotation with the drive shaft, a main shaft mounted for rotation in the housing, a second gear mounted for rotation with the main shaft and in engagement with the first gear, and a drive gear mounted for rotation with the main shaft and engageable with one of the cutting blades; and

a stabilizing handle, a torque arm, a sleeve attached to the housing and having a hollow bore extending laterally of the housing and fully through the sleeve, a torque arm clamp sized to fit into the hollow bore and having a fastening element which is releasably engageable with the torque arm, one end of the stabilizing handle being sized to fit into the hollow bore and releasably engage the torque arm clamp.

Claims 14-22 (canceled).